

## Announcements

### Accreditation

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Center for Continuing Education designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Participants claiming CME credit from this activity may submit the credit hours to the American Osteopathic Association for Category 2 credit.

### Nurses

For the purposes of recertification and relicensure, The American Nurses Credentialing Center accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit* issued by organizations accredited by the ACCME.

### Abstract Submission

The Heart Failure Summit invites you to submit abstracts of original investigation for consideration in the Poster Session on Thursday evening, October 18, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Abstracts previously presented at other national or international meetings will be accepted. Accepted abstracts will be printed in the syllabus. **The deadline for submission is September 21, 2012.** Abstracts must be submitted by E-mail to [mavi@jamiebelkin.com](mailto:mavi@jamiebelkin.com). There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit.

## AATS Focus on Thoracic Surgery: Lung Cancer

**November 16–17, 2012**  
**Boston Marriott Copley Place**  
**Boston, MA**

### Program Directors

Drs G. Alec Patterson and David J. Sugarbaker, along with Program Committee members, Drs Thomas D'Amico, Shaf Keshavjee, James D. Luketich, Bryan Meyers, and Scott J. Swanson have developed a robust two-day program filled with invited lectures, case based presentations, videos, and panel discussions on the following topics:

- CT screening
- Staging
- Navigational Bronchoscopy
- EBUS/EUS
- Video Mediastinoscopy
- VAMLA-TEMLA
- VATS, Robotic and Open Resection
- Lobectomy, Segmentectomy-Wedge and Pneumonectomy

- RFA
- SBRT
- Brachytherapy
- Role of induction Rx and Resection
- Extended Resection
- Guidelines, Efficiency of Care and Database

The complete program can be viewed online at <http://aats.org/LungCancer/program.cgi>. Housing and registration will be available soon.

### Target Audience

Thoracic Surgeons, Pulmonologists, Radiologists, Thoracic Oncologists, Primary Care Physicians, Residents/Fellows, Physician Assistants, and Allied Health Professionals.

Lung cancer is the second most common malignancy in the Western world and the most common cause of cancer-related death. Recent innovations in diagnosis, staging, and management of early stage and locally advanced non-small cell lung cancer have changed the paradigm for surgical management of lung cancer patients. A virtual explosion of technological development has enabled widespread use of minimally invasive approaches that current and future thoracic surgeons must embrace to improve the care of patients with lung cancer. The AATS has chosen to highlight these recent developments in its inaugural "Focus on Thoracic Surgery." The faculty for this program is internationally recognized experts in lung cancer and application of new technology for its surgical management.

### Educational Objectives

- Analyze the current role of endoscopic strategies for lung cancer diagnosis and staging
- Learn the advantages and limitations of limited resection for early stage lung cancer
- Appreciate the role of surgical resection in patients with locally advanced and nodal metastatic disease
- Identify the various approaches to minimally invasive pulmonary resection
- Understand the technical challenges and results of extended pulmonary resection
- Learn the current role of stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) in the management of early stage non-small cell lung cancer

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